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Hall, President of Clark University, gave an address on 'A Few Tendencies in College and University Education.'

THE New York *Evening Post* gives the following summary of the attendance at Yale University for the past four years:

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Graduate .. . . . . .	138	176	227	260
Academic .. . . . . .	1,150	1,199	1,237	1,242
Scientific .. . . . . .	662	584	553	542
Art .. . . . . .	41	46	53	77
Divinity .. . . . . .	116	105	104	102
Medical .. . . . . .	100	125	138	134
Law .. . . . . .	195	224	213	194

The decrease in the scientific school is due to the loss of some eighty students who attended under the old land-grant fund régime. The freshmen academic class is the smallest of the five classes this year, whereas there is an increase in the scientific school of 16 students over last year's class.

A CONVENTION of American women propose to assemble in Washington on December 14th to decide on ways and means of arousing public sentiment in favor of a national university. They intend, it is said, to collect the \$250,000 necessary for the erection of an administration building, to form the nucleus of the university, and hope to be able to lay the corner stone on February 22, 1899.

THE vacant professorship of pathology at Cambridge University has been filled by the election of Mr. A. A. Kanthack, M.A., of St. John's College, who has acted as deputy for the late Professor Roy. Professor Kanthack, as we learn from the London *Times*, has had a distinguished career at the University of London, where he has taken with honors the degrees of B.A., Bachelor in Surgery, Bachelor in Medicine, was gold medalist, and proceeded to the degree of M.D. in 1892. He has pursued his studies at University College, Liverpool; St. Bartholomew's Hospital, at the Universities of Berlin and Cambridge. His introduction to Cambridge was in 1891, when he was elected to the John Lucas Walter studentship of the value of £200, open to all students for the purpose of conducting original research in pathology. Before that year he had been lecturer in pathology at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, medical

tutor at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and senior demonstrator in pathology at University College, Liverpool. He has devoted many years to original research, and was a member of the Leprosy Commission in India. He is the author of a Manual of Practical Morbid Anatomy and of a Handbook of Practical Bacteriology, and also an extensive and frequent contributor to the journals of physiology and anatomy.

DR. THEODORE DES COUDRES has been promoted to an associate professorship of physics in the University at Göttingen and Dr. Otto Knopf to an associate professorship of astronomy in the University at Jena. Dr. Schmitz-Dumond, of Tarand, has been appointed Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station to be established in Pretoria and Dr. A. Ostroumoff to be professor of zoology in the University of Kasan. Professor Küster, of Göttingen, has been appointed head of the division for analytical, inorganic and physical chemistry in the Chemical Institute of the University at Breslau.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

##### THE MESA ENCANTADA.

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: I thought that I had said the last word as far as I was concerned upon the subject of the Mesa Encantada, but now that Mr. Hodge's pictures have appeared there is one more word to be said. I never dreamed that he or anybody else would have mistaken the manifestly modern and humanly constructed *cairn* which he figures, and about which so much noise has been made, for the *cairn-like* object of which I spoke. The latter is a very different object, and its location gave it some significance, while the former has none of any importance.

The *cairn* he figures was certainly built by a human being on the 23d of July, 1897, and not by ghosts.

WILLIAM LIBBEY.

PRINCETON, N. J., November 16, 1897.

##### OBSERVATIONS ON 'THE PRINCIPLE OF IDENTITY.'

THE principle that a thing or relation is identical with itself has given no end of trouble in